

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3269–S3394

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3020–3039, S. Res. 537–538, and S. Con. Res. 38. **Pages S3293–94**

Measures Reported:

S. 3023, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. (S. Rept. No. 115–268)

S. 3024, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. (S. Rept. No. 115–269)

S. 1305, to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection with adequate flexibility in its employment authorities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–270)

S. 2296, to increase access to agency guidance documents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–271)

Report to accompany S. 2527, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount of leverage made available to small business investment companies. (S. Rept. No. 115–272)

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Measures Passed:

Walter H. Rice Federal Building and United States Courthouse: Senate passed S. 2377, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the “Walter H. Rice Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. **Page S3390**

George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse: Senate passed S. 2734, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. **Page S3390**

Commending the Yale University Men’s Lacrosse Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 537, commending the Yale University Men’s Lacrosse Team for win-

ning the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men’s Lacrosse Championship.

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Commending the Wesleyan University Men’s Lacrosse Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 538, commending the Wesleyan University Men’s Lacrosse Team for winning the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Men’s Lacrosse Championship. **Page S3391**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S3281–89**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 92 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 119), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S3282**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, June 11, 2018, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill occur at 5:30 p.m.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany Extradition Treaty with the Republic of Serbia (Treaty Doc. 115–1) (Ex. Rept. 115–4); and

Report to accompany Extradition Treaty with the Republic of Kosovo (Treaty Doc. 115–2) (Ex. Rept. 115–5). **Page S3293**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 118), Kenneth L. Marcus, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael R. Bright, of the District of Columbia, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association.

Peter A. Feldman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2019.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Charles E. Cook III, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, which was sent to the Senate on February 5, 2018.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—119)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:52 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3391.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 3023) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019; and

An original bill (S. 3024) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ryan Wesley Bounds, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, J. Campbell Barker, and Jeremy D. Kernodle, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Susan Brnovich, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Chad F. Kenney, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, to be Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 43 public bills, H.R. 6026–6048; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 122; and H. Res. 927, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fitzpatrick to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Eddie Beville, Parkridge Church, Coral Springs, Florida. **Page H4857**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 197 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 242. **Pages H4857, H4869–70**

Whistleblower Protection Coordination Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 1869, to reauthorize and rename the position of Whistleblower Ombudsman to be the Whistleblower Protection Coordinator. **Pages H4870–71**

Department of Veterans Affairs Senior Executive Accountability Act of 2018: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2772, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for requirements relating to the reassignment of Department of Veterans Affairs senior executive employees. **Page H4871**

Spending Cuts to Expired and Unnecessary Programs Act: The House passed H.R. 3, to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on May 8, 2018, in accordance with title X of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act 1974, by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 243. **Pages H4871–84, H4957**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–712 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H4871**

H. Res. 923, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5895) and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 187 noes, Roll No. 241, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 240. **Pages H4862–69**

Designating the health care center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Tallahassee, Florida, as the Sergeant Ernest I. "Boots" Thomas VA Clinic: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 2246, to designate the health care center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Tallahassee, Florida, as the Sergeant Ernest I. "Boots" Thomas VA Clinic. **Page H4964**

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019: The House considered H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 8th.

Pages H4884–H4938, H4938–56, H4956–57, H4957–64, H4964–77

Pursuant to H. Res. 918, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–71 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Page H4905**

Pursuant to H. Res. 923, the further amendment printed in Part A of H. Rept. 115–712 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Page H4956**

Agreed to:

Collins (NY) amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that increases funding for Army Corps Investigations account by \$1.2 million, for a total of \$129.2 million, offset by a reduction of \$1.2 million in the Army Corps Expenses account; **Page H4925**

Keating amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that ensures funds for additionally considering the historic and national significance of dredging projects in allocating Army Corps additional funding; **Page H4926**

Ruiz amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that redirects \$2 million within the Water and Related Resources Account toward projects with a public health benefit; **Pages H4928–29**

Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that prioritizes funding for Bureau of Reclamation research and development projects; **Page H4929**

DeSaulnier amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that increase the Anadromous Fish Screen Program by \$5 million for the purposes of making repairs to existing equipment; **Page H4929**

Cohen amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that increases funding for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account by \$2 million for the SuperTruck II program; **Pages H4929–30**

Soto amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that increases funding to the Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response program by \$1,000,000 to further facilitate the Department of Energy's effort to secure the nation's energy infrastructure against all hazards, reduce the risks of and impacts from cyber events, and assist with restoration activities; **Page H4933**

Soto amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that increases funding to the Electricity Delivery program by \$1,000,000 to further facilitate the programs aim to develop a modern power grid by advancing resilient power distribution systems, intelligent and high-efficiency grid components, and energy storage systems; **Page H4933**

Esty amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that increases and decrease funding to Solid Oxide Fuel Cells by \$20 million; **Page H4934**

Keating amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that allocates funding to support research and grants to further innovation in the safe and secure storage, treatment, transportation, and disposal of spent nuclear fuel from civilian nuclear reactors; **Pages H4936–37**

Langevin amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that increases funding by \$3 million to be used for divertor test tokamak research and development; **Page H4937**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that increases Administration account by \$1 million to address environmental concerns in both urban and rural settings; **Pages H4940–41**

O'Halleran amendment (No. 28 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that provides funding to expedite the work of the Department of Energy's Defense-Related Uranium Mines Program's work on Native American Reservations in the west; **Pages H4945–46**

Keating amendment (No. 30 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that provides resources for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to ensure safe and effective decommissioning of nuclear power plants; **Page H4947**

Newhouse amendment (No. 33 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that prohibits the use of funds to sell the transmission assets of three Power Marketing Administrations and the Tennessee Valley Authority; **Page H4950**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 35 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that allocates an additional \$3 million for post-disaster watershed assessment studies; **Pages H4952–53**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 36 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that prohibits use of funds in contravention of the Department of Energy Organization Act and addresses the need to increase programs that educate minorities in science, technology, engineering and math; **Pages H4953–54**

DeSantis amendment (No. 38 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that prohibits funds from being used to purchase heavy water from Iran; **Pages H4954–55**

Nolan amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that boosts the Army Corps' Aquatic Nuisance Species Research Program by \$1 million; **Pages H4956–57**

Eshoo amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that increases funding for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$1,000,000, with the increase intended to support the development and deployment of high-efficiency linear generator power plant technology which, for purposes of stationary electric power production, is

equivalent to fuel cell power plant technology; decreases funding for Departmental Administration by \$1,000,000; **Page H4964**

Hastings amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that increases funding for cybersecurity of the electric power grid, offset by funding for fossil energy research and development; **Pages H4965–66**

Rogers (AL) amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that provides \$24 million for construction of critical infrastructure in NNSA, with an offset from NNSA Federal Salaries and Expenses; **Page H4966**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that allocates an additional \$100 million for Army Corps of Engineers construction projects related to flood control; **Page H4966**

LaMalfa amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that prohibits the use of funds for enforcing the EPA's abandonment criteria for prior converted cropland; **Pages H4966–68**

Kildee amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that increases funding by \$250,000 for the U.S. House of Representatives' Wounded Warrior Program, which provides employment opportunities within the U.S. House for veterans with service-connected disabilities; decreases funding for the Architect of the Capitol, Capital Construction and Operations account by an equivalent amount; **Page H4969**

Esty amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that increases funding by \$500,000 for the Office of Employee Assistance under the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to be pulled from the Architect of the Capitol, Capitol Grounds; **Page H4969**

Cohen amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that prohibits the use of funds to purchase plastic drinking straws; **Page H4972**

Torres amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that directs the Secretary to use the DOD Base Closure Account to make funding available for the purposes of demolishing facilities closed by prior BRAC rounds; **Page H4973**

Ruiz amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that increases funding to VA Medical Services account from VA Medical Services account to conduct educational outreach to veterans to enroll in the burn pits registry, additional research using the registry, and other activities concerning the maintenance of registry; **Pages H4974–75**

Johnson (OH) amendment (No. 23 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that calls on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to develop a standard

of hospice care tailored to the unique needs of combat veterans, including Vietnam-era veterans;

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Carbajal amendment (No. 24 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that directs the Secretary to change the phone system to have local Community Based Outpatient Center answer calls rather than having all calls routed to the major VA Medical Centers in an effort to reduce wait times for veterans on the phone and to provide more timely health services;

Pages H4975–76

McSally amendment (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that mandates that no less than \$225,000,000 may be appropriated for VA mental health and suicide prevention programs;

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Welch amendment (No. 26 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that provides \$5 million to better assist veterans exposed to burn pits by improving the existing registry and increasing clinical research on burn pit exposure; decreases the Community Care account by the same amount; and

Pages H4976–77

Barr amendment (No. 27 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that transfer \$5 million from the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Administration's (VHA) Medical Community Care Account to the Medical Services Account for the explicit use for the VA's Adaptive Sports Grant (ASG) program, equine assisted therapy.

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Rejected:

Beyer amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that sought to strike Sec. 107, which prohibits funds from being used to require a permit for the discharge of dredged or fill material under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;

Pages H4926–28

Kihuen amendment (No. 23 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that sought to strike \$190 million for the licensing of the nuclear waste depository at Yucca Mountain;

Pages H4937–38

Kihuen amendment (No. 32 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that sought to strike language that would prohibit closure of the Yucca Mountain project;

Pages H4949–50

Tsongas amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that sought to increase funding to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for the purposes of offshore wind job training grants (by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 244);

Pages H4931–33, H4958

Beyer amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that sought to increase ARPA–E to its FY18 enacted level and reduces Fossil Energy R&D by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 245);

Pages H4934–36, H4958–59

Gosar amendment (No. 24 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that sought to eliminate funding for the ARPA–E program as recommended by the administration (by a recorded vote of 123 ayes to 295 noes, Roll No. 246);

Pages H4938–40, H4959–60

Lee amendment (No. 26 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that sought to strike \$65 million for the W76–2 warhead and transfers it to Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation account (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 247);

Pages H4941–44, H4960

Connolly amendment (No. 27 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that sought to restore the Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation account to the FY2018 funding level by giving the Weapons Activities account a \$404 million increase instead of the current \$550 million increase (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 248);

Pages H4944–45, H4960–61

Gosar amendment (No. 29 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that sought to use the Holman Rule to reduce the salary of Mark Gabriel, the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 276 noes with two answering “present”, Roll No. 249);

Pages H4946–47, H4961–62

Lowenthal amendment (No. 31 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that sought to strike Sec. 505, which prohibits funds from being used for further implementation of the coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management components of the National Ocean Policy (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 250);

Pages H4947–49, H4962

Blackburn amendment (No. 34 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that sought to provide for a one percent across the board cut to the discretionary spending levels in Division A of the bill (by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 251);

Pages H4950–52, H4962–63

Norman amendment (No. 39 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that sought to reduce the total amount of appropriations made available by \$1.5 billion to match the fiscal year 2018 enacted level (by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 289 noes, Roll No. 252); and

Pages H4955–56, H4963–64

Perlmutter amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that sought to increase funding for EERE's Facilities and Infrastructure account by \$5 million offset by a \$5 million reduction to DOE's Departmental Administration account.

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Withdrawn:

Abraham amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased Corps

of Engineers Construction by \$17,410,000 and reduces DOE Departmental Administration by the same amount; **Pages H4925–26**

Keating amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have allocated funding for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to support marine and hydrokinetic energy research and technologies; **Page H4930**

Bonamici amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for the EERE Water Power Technologies Office by \$10 million; **Pages H4930–31**

Esty amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have restored \$15 million in funding to the Advanced Manufacturing Office (AMO) within the Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE); **Page H4931**

Weber (TX) amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have provided for \$35 million from within funds appropriated to the Office of Nuclear Energy to meet the House-passed authorization level for the Versatile Neutron Source, a fast test reactor user facility; **Pages H4933–34**

Smith (TX) amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–711) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have provided for \$126.8 million from within funds appropriated to the Office of Science to meet House-passed authorization levels for the LINAC Coherent Light Source II High Energy Upgrade, the Proton Power Upgrade to the Spallation Neutron Source, the construction of the Spallation Neutron Source Second Target Station, and the construction of the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams; provides for full funding for the U.S. contribution to the construction of the ITER project; **Page H4936**

Kildee amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding in the BRAC account to ensure there is sufficient funding to prevent further contamination of PFAS at former-Wurtsmith AFB; and **Pages H4972–73**

Kildee amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have created a funding carve-out for the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment account. **Pages H4973–74**

Proceedings Postponed:

Gohmert amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to prepare, propose, or promulgate any reg-

ulation or guidance related to the social cost of carbon; **Pages H4968–69**

Meadows amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that seeks to reestablish a semiannual Government Accountability Office financial review of obligated expenditures from the Independent Counsel permanent indefinite appropriation, and require the report's findings to be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate, the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and Judiciary of the House, and the Committees on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and Judiciary of the Senate; and **Pages H4970–71**

Takano amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–712) that seeks to appropriate \$2.5 million to re-institute the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) to help Congress understand emerging technologies and their policy implications; offset by funds from an administrative account within the Architect of the Capitol. **Pages H4971–72**

H. Res. 918, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3249) and providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8) and (H.R. 5895) was agreed to yesterday, June 6th.

H. Res. 923, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5895) and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 241, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 240. **Pages H4862–69**

Senate Referrals: S. 1692 was held at the desk. S. 2857 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. S. 2377 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. S. 2734 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H4977**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and appear on pages H4862 and H4938.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4868–69, H4869, H4869–70, H4957, H4958, H4958–59, H4959–60, H4960, H4960–61, H4961–62, H4962, H4962–63, and H4963–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a markup on the FY 2019 Defense Appropriations Bill. This markup was closed.

IMPROVING THE HYDROPOWER LICENSING PROCESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Improving the Hydropower Licensing Process”. Testimony was heard from Ryan Fisher, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; John Goodin, Acting Director, Office of Wetlands, Ocean, and Watersheds, Environmental Protection Agency; Chris Oliver, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Greg Sheehan, Principal Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Terry Turpin, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3861, the “Federal Insurance Office Reform Act of 2017”; H.R. 4557, the “Reforming Disaster Recovery Act of 2017”; H.R. 5054, the “Small Company Disclosure Simplification Act of 2018”; H.R. 5756, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to adjust certain resubmission thresholds for shareholder proposals; H.R. 5783, the “Cooperate with Law Enforcement Agencies and Watch Act of 2018”; and H.R. 5877, the “Main Street Growth Act”. H.R. 5783, H.R. 5877, H.R. 3861, and H.R. 4557 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5054 and H.R. 5756 were ordered reported, without amendment.

A BAD YEAR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN VIETNAM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “A Bad Year for Human Rights in Vietnam”. Testimony was heard from former Member Joseph Cao and public witnesses.

ADVANCING U.S. BUSINESS INVESTMENT AND TRADE IN THE AMERICAS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Advancing U.S. Business Investment and Trade in the Americas”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WILDFIRE RISK, FOREST HEALTH, AND ASSOCIATED MANAGEMENT PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “Wildfire Risk, Forest Health, and Associated Management Priorities of the U.S. Forest Service”. Testimony was heard from Vicki Christiansen, Interim Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

THE ELECTRIC GRID OF THE FUTURE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “The Electric Grid of the Future”. Testimony was heard from Bruce J. Walker, Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy, and Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response, Department of Energy; John Sarrao, Principal Associate Director, Science, Technology, and Engineering Directorate, Los Alamos National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

VETS FIRST? AN EXAMINATION OF VA'S RESOURCES FOR VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Vets First? An Examination of VA's Resources for Veteran-Owned Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MARITIME TRANSPORTATION IN THE ARCTIC: THE U.S. ROLE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Maritime Transportation in the Arctic: The U.S. Role”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Charles W. Ray, Vice Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; David Kennedy, Senior Arctic Advisor, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

HONORING HEROES: MEMORIALIZING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Honoring Heroes: Memorializing our Nation's Veterans”. Testimony was heard from Randy C. Reeves, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS OF BURN PIT EXPOSURE AMONG VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "An Assessment of the Potential Health Effects of Burn Pit Exposure Among Veterans". Testimony was heard from Ralph L. Erickson, M.D., Chief Consultant, Post-Deployment Health, Office of Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING SOCIAL SECURITY'S SOLVENCY CHALLENGE: THE STATUS OF SOCIAL SECURITY'S TRUST FUNDS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled "Examining Social Security's Solvency Challenge: The Status of Social Security's Trust Funds". Testimony was heard from Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration.

Joint Meetings

HEALTH CARE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the potential for health care savings accounts to engage patients and bend the health care cost curve, after receiving testimony from Scott W. Atlas, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; and J. Kevin A. McKechnie, American Bankers Association HSA Council, Tracy

Watts, Mercer, on behalf of the American Benefits Council, and Kavita Patel, Johns Hopkins Medicine and The Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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S. 292, to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments. Signed on June 5, 2018. (Public Law 115–180)

S. 1282, to redesignate certain clinics of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Montana. Signed on June 5, 2018. (Public Law 115–181)

S. 2372, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks. Signed on June 6, 2018. (Public Law 115–182)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, hearing entitled "Questions Regarding the U.S. Census", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, June 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5515, National Defense Authorization Act, post-cloture, and vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, June 8

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Complete consideration of H.R. 5895—Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019.

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